

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS REGULAR MEETING COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

DECEMBER 02, 2020

10:00 AM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: MITCH GRINER, LARRY HALE, BEN HOUSTON, ATTORNEY MICHAEL SHULER & AMY HAMM-KELLY, ZONING AND FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Prior to presenting Agenda items, Amy Hamm-Kelly, Zoning and Floodplain Administrator discussed the need to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Adjustment. Member Vance Millender resigned October 2020. Member Mitch Griner made a motion to allow council to propose a candidate for chair. Attorney Michael Shuler advised that the selection of Chair and Vice Chair resides with the Board members and not the attorney emphatizing that it is a non-delegatable duty. Member Mitch Griner nominated himself as Chair which was 2nd by Member Ben Houston. All in favor (Mitch Griner, Ben Houston, & Larry Hale). Motion Carried. Member Ben Houston nominated himself for Vice Chair, which was 2nd by Larry Hale. All in favor (Mitch Griner, Ben Houston, & Larry Hale). Motion Carried.

Variance Requests

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A 100' X 8' ROCK REVETMENT ON THE SHORELINE OF THE APALACHICOLA RIVER AND 8' X 93' ALONG THE SHORELINE OF A PRIVATE CANAL ALONG AN EXISTING DILAPIDATED SEAWALL. THE ROCK REVETMENT WILL NOT BE ANY STEEPER THAT A RATIO OF TWO HORIZONTAL TO ONE VERTICAL (2/1 RATIO) AND WILL EXTEND 8 FEET FROM THE SEAWALL. PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 11 BIG OAKS, APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS ATTACHED FOR THE 100' X 8' SECTION AND WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING THE STATE AND FEDERAL PERMIT FOR THE 93' X 8' PORTION. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, AGENT FOR CLAY PALM, APPLICANT.

Discussion: Mr. Burdette made a correction on site plan. The dark line is a dilapidated seawall and instead of replacing the seawall they determined it would be better to use a rock revetment for a more natural habitat. Certain material from original seawall will be salvaged and used in certain places on seawall.

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY LARRY HALE, 2ND BY BEN HOUSTON. ALL IN FAVOR. NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A ROCK REVETMENT 50 FEET INTO THE CRITICAL HABITAT ZONE ALONG THE BANK OF THE RIVER AND 10 FEET INTO THE WEST SIDE SETBACK ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 1530 HIGHWAY 98 WEST, CARRABELLE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA. REQUEST SUBMITTED BY KEITH COX, AGENT FOR JANICE MARLENE SMITH, APPLICANT.

ITEM B FOR MR. KEITH COX WAS OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.